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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the June 28, 2011 Office Action in connection with the above-identified application. In view of the following comments, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Claim Interpretation

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner misconstrues the claim language and interprets the claim language in a manner that is contrary to the express language of the claim and contrary to the common and ordinary meaning of the terms. Claim 1 recites a "mixture comprising one or more cis-3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexyl esters and one or more trans-3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexyl esters. The term "mixture" refers to a composition containing two or more